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CIVIL PENALTIES ISSUED AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Michael Connelly, found five lobbyists, two candidates and three political committees in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Tuesday in Olympia.

Lobbyist

The lobbyists were found in violation for failure to timely file the required monthly expense reports (PDC form L-2) and each was issued a civil penalty.

- **Malcolm Dick**, lobbyist for the American Forest Resource Council, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.
- **Timothy Hamilton**, lobbyist for the Automotive United Trades Organization, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.
- **Harry Steinmetz**, lobbyist for the School Nurses Organization of Washington, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.
- **Jennifer Mielinz**, lobbyist for the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.
- **Coastal Treatment Services (DBA Lincoln Ferris Public Affairs)**, a lobbyist firm representing Club Broadway Casino, Computer Sciences Corp., Freddie's Club of Fife, Hawks Prairie Casino, P.J. Pockets Casino, Washington Association of Small Business Incubators, Washington State Council on Problem Gambling and Wizards Casino, was also found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Candidates

Richard Gilda and **H Edwin Simmers**, candidates for Charter Review Commission in Whatcom County, were found in violation of state law for failing to timely file candidate registration reports and statements of personal financial affairs. Both reports were due within two weeks of becoming a candidate. Gilda was issued a civil penalty of \$200 and Simmers was fined \$200 with \$100 suspended.

Political Committees

Supporting Intelligent Candidates PAC (SIC PAC), was found to have violated state law by exceeding the limit of the Abbreviated Reporting option in 1999 and 2000 and the Mini Reporting option in 2001. SIC-PAC also failed to seek a change to the Full Reporting option in 2001. SIC PAC was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

The **IBA Small Business PAC** and the **American Insurance Association PAC WA** were found in violation of state law for failing to electronically file contribution and expenditure reports for 2004. Each committee was assessed a civil penalty of \$250, with the entire penalty suspended on the condition that they file all reports electronically within 30 days of date the order is entered.

Persons found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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